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INCREASED

**Complete Official List
Published On Page 2
Of This Issue. Nearly
150 Selected.**

Next Monday night at 8 o'clock, one hundred and forty-three colored men in St. Louis will leave for Camp Funston. These will compose the quota

All wards in St. Louis, except the fourth will send colored men. The Argus, last week, printed the names of those selected from 21 wards. This paper is the only one in St. Louis, gay

Big attention to colored registrars. A report of the ward boards has been selected their men. When the reporter called last week, but he stayed on the job until the names were drawn, and thereby secured the information for our readers before the drafters themselves had been notified.

Since the last publication nearly all of the ward boards have been notified to appear at their public drawing. The names have been selected. The complete official list will be found on page two of this issue.

WASH HIGGS

GETS NEW TRIAL
WAS TWICE CONVICTED FOR MURDER AND GIVEN LIFE IMPRISONMENT
 Wash. Higgins, who with Robert Henderson, was charged with the murder of Joe Meli, saloon keeper at 24th and Pine, on January, 1917, were rep

presented at their first trial by Judge E. A. Noonan, and Alvin Karpis, who made a gallant fight for their clients. The jury, notwithstanding that fact, gave Higgins and Henderson life sentences. Henderson, after repeated efforts through his attorney to get a new trial, lost, and is now serving on his life sentence in Jefferson City.

Mr. E. H. Taylor was employed in the case to represent Higgins through Higgins' relations in Knoxville, Tennessee. Mr. Taylor at once began to

paring the case to prevent Higgins from going to the penitentiary, and after some months of litigation, finally secured a new trial for Higgins in April 16, 1917, and had the case reset. The trial was set and heard during last summer, when Higgins again faced the jury, only to get the same verdict of life imprisonment. Mr. Taylor, believing that errors had been committed through the progress of the trial, and

The evidence was not sufficient to support the verdict of the jury, again filed another motion for a new trial, which resulted in Judge Davis, Div. 11, Criminal Court, granting the third trial. We take pleasure in publishing, and trust that the Colored people will sincerely appreciate the fact that we have lawyers of our own race who are just as competent and capable of measuring up to the standard with our white brother in the same profession. The courts here recognize the lawyers

ability, in so far as they demonstrate it in the trial of cases at the bar, and they give to the Colored lawyers the same opportunity to show their ability and recognize the same when they prove themselves worthy of such commendation. We sincerely trust that Mr. Taylor will continue his fight as a lawyer, for the protection of the rights and interest of his clients as demonstrated in this case, as well as in the Fuller case, because in the Higgins case the murdered man was white, as

in the Fuller case of officer "Kidwell." It is an indication as well as evidence to the people that prejudice does not always control in the trial of a black man on account of his color.

With Mr. Taylor's 25 years of experience as a lawyer, and having tried important cases in various states with success, he has had the opportunity to be, and is considered by some of the prominent white lawyers of this city,

one of the best criminal lawyers in the State of Missouri, a fact which we all should be glad to know.

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HURRY ANTI LYNCHING BILL

Two more lynchings have been recorded to America's shame, during the past week. Tennessee, with its usual unlawful hanging, and augmented by a Sunday festival, by burning the victim at the stake, and Louisiana with her usual hanging without any regard for law.

According to the press dispatches, the Tennessee lynching took place in the courthouse yard. This, it is understood, was an act of defiance of the law. The courthouse being the assemblage of justice, the mob, without doubt, wanted the world to know that red-blooded Tennesseans have no respect for law and order, right or justice, where a Negro is concerned.

The cities of Tennessee seem to live with each other in committing atrocious crimes against the Negro. Since the horrible lynch-burning and mutilation of Eli Pierson at Memphis-Dyersburg, E. Bell and Leavelle have followed in the heinous work.

Not spontaneous.—These deliberate hangings and mob violence are not spontaneous. They are fostered by premeditated malice, and the officers of the law know the leaders, and nothing is done to punish the trouble-makers who take part in such crimes.

The Anti-Lynching Bill.—We have noticed with a deal of interest, the cry from England and France, "Hurry with America's man-power to help make the world safe for democracy." We hereby appeal to the liberty-loving American people to **Hurry up!** and pass through the anti-lynching bill that is now before Congress. Each day's delay, gives mob violence a new lease on America's soil.

This is a patriotic duty. Don't let this opportunity pass. Many organizations are already at work in support of the bill. Hurry and do your bit.

U. R. REFERENDUM

Several so-called civic organizations, it is understood, have signified their intention to circulate a petition to have the voters recall the ordinance passed by the Board of Aldermen and signed by the Mayor, granting a franchise to the United Rail-way to run their street cars in this city. The people, no doubt, would have confidence in the movement were it not being promoted by the same crowd that caused the City of St. Louis to spend nearly a hundred thousand dollars, carrying out a foolish segregation election.

We note the name of one Felix Lawrence, who was the leading figure in the former movement, conspicuous in the present project. Of course, he will find that the dollars to pay high salaries and "fifty-fifty" commissions, will not be readily forthcoming as of yore, because the people have found that "crowd" out, and will not trust such movement, where it has to do with making laws or running a sixty million dollar street car corporation.

We do not know the exact amount of money Mr. Lawrence received for his services in the segregation case; but, we suppose he is about broke, and is now seeking to make the people spend a deal of money, that his purse might be fattened. We do not believe that the promoters have the interests of the people at heart; but that they have ulterior motives.

DENSENESS PERIODIC

The Franklin Avenue property owner, a Dr. Julia Meyer, who claimed "denseness" of Judge Saunders and City Marshal Mohrstadt as the cause of their failure to understand her refusal to go into court, qualified her own "denseness" by making the following statement: "Besides, I couldn't want to haul away the rubbish for a lot of lazy negroes that live there, while our boys are fighting for them in France."

If it were not for her own mental deficiency she would know that Negroes are also fighting in France for "our boys." The only reason there are not more of them there, is because the United States Government refused them an opportunity to volunteer and be in the first service. Mrs. Meyer should also learn that Negroes are being conscripted in the same ratio as whites, and their percentage of exemption claims has been much lower. We have no doubt that they will also be recognized as "our boys" before the Hun has been licked.

The dense madam was escorted to the workhouse to be clarified, but was paroled by Mayor Kiel. We wonder if her Negro story touched his heart?

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HARRY E. WILSON

Scout Harry E. Wilson has returned home, 1113 North Sarah St., and rela-ted to Camp Puxton after a visit of five lives. Says with his mother, Mrs. Gertrude Wil-



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We want to talk to the man who thinks enough of his family to buy a house, like so many of the other girls, who are doing now, also to men and women that are looking for a good investment in real estate. Eighteen years in this business has helped us to know how to get it.

THE FLEDGEO TO OUR NATION

By Jan. F. Stucke.

One year ago the little nation of the United States was born. It is now twenty years old. It is now a great war. We are waiting for the call. If I have no twenty years, I have a great war. The answer is: yes, must fall.

Our army and our navy. We are waiting for the call. If I have no twenty years, I have a great war. The answer is: yes, must fall.

Our boys and our men. The greatest of them all. The boys of the war. The answer is: yes, must fall.

Our flag, the red, white and blue. It is now a great war. We are waiting for the call. If I have no twenty years, I have a great war. The answer is: yes, must fall.

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Hot Springs, Ark.

DR. J. F. HILL

Pastor, Peoples Baptist Church, Hot Springs, Ark.

Dr. J. F. Hill is a preacher and scholar of unusual ability. He is pastor of the Peoples Baptist Church and his pastor are much talked of at Hot Springs. Visitors are advised, should they attend the service, to be on time as the minister is up-to-date and searching begins promptly at 11:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on Sundays. Nearly half of Dr. Hill's congregation is white people. Whether they are transient or permanent residents the writer was not informed, but it was learned that many of them were members of the church.

Visitors Chapel A. M. E. Church. This is a very beautiful edifice located right in the heart of Hot Springs and is very popular for its convenience. It was in this church where Col. Rose C. Simmons delivered his famous address to the town people, March 25th. Williams Jubilee Singers also appeared there before a crowded house. W. G. R. Ashford is the pastor, and is called the "White Snake" and is ably assisted by Mr. English. Both men and women are patrons at the bath daily and are much benefited.

Epithets Bath and Sanitation. One of the interesting features about this building is the large number of people who are seen there daily taking their bath for their health. It is to be regretted that the present building is not large enough to accommodate the fast growing patrons. T. Warren, who is in charge and is ably assisted by Mr. English. Both men and women are patrons at the bath daily and are much benefited.

A St. Louis Girl There. Mrs. Hattie E. Hawkins (née Smith) a former St. Louis girl who has been at the sanatorium a year, presents a most interesting case.

According to her statement, when she began taking the baths, she was almost helpless on account of rheumatism, which had settled in her lower limbs, not even able to help herself with the assistance of crutches. But she is now getting along well. Her wonderful has been her improvement. She is happy, has a sweet disposition and is very sympathetic. She has quite a few friends in St. Louis. She is a graduate of Sumner High School, St. Louis, Mo. She subsequently married a Mr. Hawkins and moved to Chicago.

SUPREME COURT CLERK DIES FROM INJURIES

(Special to the Argus)

Charleston, W. Va., April 23.—Sue-coming to injuries received when he fell from a third story window of his apartment, Phil Walters, age 47, for 15 years assistant clerk of the supreme court of appeals, died last night at a local hospital.

Philip Henry Walters, born at Leesburg, Va., August 22, 1870, was the best known man of his race in Virginia to be one of the best known in the country. He held public positions continuously since 1897, and was clerk of the court in 1897. Prior to that time he had served as librarian of the house of delegates.

He was a graduate of the University of Michigan, from which he received the degree of bachelor of laws in 1892. He was also a graduate of Morgan College and previously a student at Harvard.

FIRE AT "FORD" GARAGE

An early morning blaze at the garage of Ford Garage, 3100 Pine St., Wednesday destroyed two trucks, a seven passenger Packard and a large quantity of raw material. The exact damage could not be learned, but it was estimated to be several thousand dollars.

BENEVOLENT ORDER OF FULL PORTERS

The last, biggest and best of our order, the Full Porters, of the residence of Mr. James Hammond, 3003 Lawless, Thursday, April 23, at 10 p.m. in the city of St. Louis, Mo. The order was held at the residence of Mr. T. A. Crenshaw, secretary.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Dr. William Earl Branson wishes to announce to his many friends and patrons that he has purchased the residence and office at 1212 N. 1st St., corner of Compton and LaSalle Ave. Dr. Branson is well known for his courteous treatment to his patients, having gained this distinction while at the Market Street Drug Co., 24th and Market Streets, where he had been employed as the chief prescriptionist for the past twenty years.

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